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**Attachments:** RA(05)132 Draft Decision GSM on Aircraft WGRA doc.doc  
Guy,

As a follow-up to Boeing's recent meeting with you and your WTB colleagues, Audrey Allison of Connexion by Boeing(sm) asked me to forward some information on the status of the work of the European authorities on airborne cellphone use.

The use of GSM aboard aircraft is receiving active consideration by the Working Groups of the CEPT Electronic Communications Committee. Attached is the "Draft Decision on free circulation and use of Airborne GSM Base Transceiver Stations in the frequency bands 1710 - 1785 and 1805 - 1880 MHz" prepared by the Regulatory Affairs Working Group. The document is awaiting approval by the WGRA and is expected to be considered by the ECC early next year.

The ECC Spectrum Engineering Working Group is also preparing a report on the technical aspects of airborne GSM use. Project Team WGSE7 is convening a meeting in Geneva later this month on this topic.

Information on the European GSM activities is available at [www.ero.dk](http://www.ero.dk). Passwords are generally required to access meeting documents.

Please let Audrey or me know if you have questions or need further information.

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